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Home Talent Denied the Right To Bid for Construction of The New School House.

To the tax payers of St. Landry: A great injustice has been done to the mechanics of this parish. The superintendent of public education, Mr. C. J. Thompson, is in my opinion, responsible therefore. Not satisfied with the right to attend to his duties, he wants to boss everything connected therewith. This is made manifestly to appear by what follows:

Immediately following the election for a school building in this City, I approached Mr. Thompson with a view of offering my services in assisting a building committee, and suggested he place on the building committee some mechanic with some experience. He replied he had already spoken to Messrs. Stevens & Nelson and they were good architects. And on the third day following the election, Mr. Thompson called the school board together and awarded the contract for the plan and specification to Messrs. Stephens & Nelson.

This would indicate he had made up his mind, these gentlemen were going to boss the job. A building committee was appointed, but great care was taken to not place any mechanic on the committee.

About Nov. 1st there appeared in the local papers, a notice that bids would be received for the construction of the building. I immediately applied for plan and specification to prepare a bid for the 20th of said month. The architect Stevens & Nelson, on the 14th of said month replied as follows:

"Mr. Chas. Thibodeaux, Opelousas, La.
"Dear Sir:

"We have your letter in reference to sending you a set of plans and specification for the Opelousas School, and in reply beg to say that this building is to be a reinforced concrete building and we have specifically stated in our specification that all contractors figuring on this building will have to be accustomed to handling reinforced concrete and will have to be able to point to some large reinforced concrete building which they have erected successfully before we can allow them to figure on this building."

Now I had erected many large buildings. But before I have time to procure the evidence and submitted it to the architect and obtain the plans and specification to bid thereon, it was too late. Mr. Homer Ventre was similarly situated. If we had been timely furnished the plans and specification, we would have put in our bid. As it was, we were completely shut out by plan that had method in it.

The notice for bids should have stated what were qualifications necessary for bidders. Instead of which, the specification did, and these were in the hands of the architects unwilling to furnish bidders with the same until these bidders had furnished these gentlemen with evidence of the fact they were competent to do the work.

I submit that was an arbitrary method unwarranted by usage and custom. Had I been furnished the plans and specification, I would have bid upon the work and furnished evidence of my qualification.

These plans and specification withheld from the proposed bidders under the circumstances above related, destroyed competition. As evidence of this, only two bids were offered. There should have been ten or twelve. Other proposed bidders were doubtless treated as Mr. Ventre and myself. Required to furnish qualification, before having been permitted to view the plans and specification.

I charge that Mr. Thompson was at the bottom of this. I have already shown he had spoken to Messrs. Stephens & Nelson prior to the vote on the tax. I have shown no mechanic was placed on the committee. I have shown no plans nor specifications were furnished, and finally I charge that Mr. Stephens of the firm of Stephens & Nelson, stated to me, in the presence of Messrs. B. R. Spayne, Willie Ardoin and A. S. J. Campbell that superintendent Thompson had stated to him, there was no one "here" meaning thereby in this city or this parish, competent to do the work.

What meat doth our Caesar feed upon that he had grown so great? It is time to pull him a button hole lower. Our mechanics have some right which

Big Carnival is Here.

Todd and Son's Amusement Co., which we announced in our last issue, arrived here on Thursday and is located on the lot near the Frisco passenger depot owned by Mrs. Mary Walker. The Carnival will open to night and continue until Sunday, Dec. 22, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, and it is expected that large crowds will attend and enjoy the fun. The public is cordially invited. The big balloon ascension will take place on tomorrow, (Sunday) at 2:30 p.m. Watch for it.

Local and Personal News

J. W. Cheney, the hustling representative of the Crowley Signal, was here between trains Tuesday.

Messrs. R. Lee Hawkins, member of the School Board from Waxia, Ira E. Hawkins of Palmetto, and Lee Duckworth of Waxia, were in the city on Monday and Tuesday.

J. J. Carriere of Washington, and J. F. Vidrine of Plaisance, attended the meeting of the School Board Monday.

Dr. C. A. Gardiner of Sunset was a pleasant call at the Clarion office Tuesday of this week.

The Opelousas Compress has handled up to the present time 23,000 bales of cotton, which amount it is expected will be increased to about 25,000 bales. This will make an increase over last year's business of about 8000 bales.

Dr. J. B. Elliot, Jr., Professor of medicine in Tulane University, was in the city on Thursday, on his way to Crowley, where he will lecture before the meeting of the Attakapas Medical Society

Edward W. Robinson, fertilizer inspector, son of ex-Congressman Samuel H. Robinson, was indicted by the grand jury at Baton Rouge last Monday night, charged with murdering Joseph L. Young, son of ex-Sheriff J. L. Young.

Dr. M. D. Lewis, a prominent physician of Eunice, was a business visitor here on Wednesday.

Judge E. T. Lewis, one of the oldest members of the Opelousas bar, will leave for Jennings, La., the parish seat of the new parish of Jeff Davis, where he will engage in the practice of the law. Judge Lewis has been a prominent figure in the political history of Southwest Louisiana, and is a capable lawyer. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

Died.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. Robert H. Firnberg, junior member of the firm of Firnberg Bros. and a popular and highly esteemed young business man. Mr. Firnberg was ill only about two weeks with pneumonia and on Thursday morning was reported as improving. The news of his death was a great shock to his large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was 44 years of age. The funeral will take place from the residence of his brother, Jos. Feinberg, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in the Jewish Cemetery.

F. C. Allen, of Dallas, Tex., and who came here with the Bailey Carnival Co., practically disabled, died of pneumonia Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock at a local hotel. He was a widower and leaves two young children who are with relatives at Dallas.

Mr. Ben H. Mann, of Dallas, a friend of the deceased, financed the funeral expenses.

The city of New Orleans changed its administrative coat Monday. Doffing the aidermanic garment it had worn for thirty years, it donned a coat of newest commission pattern. The change marked an epoch in the city's history. It was a simple function but none the less impressive and scores of citizens witnessed the transaction.

even a superintendent of public school cannot overlook. It seems he is running several departments outside of his own. At least, endeavoring so to do. He can't ride rough shod over me without my kicking. Fellow tax payers, I submit the above to you, whereby to evidence how home talent was bounced out of a job it was competent to handle. How it was denied the right to evidence this fact. Shut out without even a hearing.

Yours truly,
CHAS. THIBODEAUX

CANAL RIGHTS OF WAY ARE SECURED

Contract for Dredging Inter-coastal Canal from the Calcasieu to the Sabine to Be Let

Lake Charles, Dec. 7.—Attorney Jerry D. Cline returned last night from New Orleans after having deposited with the United States engineer's office there the last right of way paper necessary to permit the letting of the contract for dredging the inter-coastal canal from the Calcasieu to the Sabine river. The completion of these titles to rights-of-way for this section has been a long and wearisome task. The rights-of-way were given willingly, but every technical flaw in every title had to be straightened out as thoroughly as though a Panama canal was to be constructed.

With the titles finally in shape, advertisements for the contracts for this section will be published in a few days and the contracts let as soon as possible. The canal leaves the Calcasieu at the mouth of the Choupique bayou and following the bayou to the first bend, striking due west a half mile north of Orange. The estimated cost of the section is \$136,000 and the money has already been appropriated.

Beautifying Eunice.

The Eunice Gall of Nov. 30 contains the following, which shows that our little western sister is up to date in more than one respect:

SETTING OUT TREES.

Street Commissioner Bushnell has been busy this week with a crew of men setting out trees on Park Ave., the three hundred Silver Maple trees ordered by the town.

Anyone that thinks this will not cause a general transformation of the looks of that already pretty thoroughfare, will only have to cast a glance down it within the next few days.

We understand that the residents along this street are going to petition the council at its next meeting to give them the additional banquet space for beautifying Eunice.

The citizens of Eunice are all five wises when it comes to making things look nice.

Crowley Budget.

The City of Crowley adopted its budget for the year 1913 on last Saturday night. It will be noticed that, like Opelousas, Crowley provides for its fire department also. The Budget is as follows:

Clerks, chief of police and mayor, each \$1200 per year. The clerk is allowed an assistant, with a salary of \$540 per year. The city judge gets \$600, city attorney \$200, and marshal of city court \$500; two night police each \$60 per month; two high school janitors, \$45 each per month, set aside for fire department, \$140 per month; a mount for schools, \$1500.

Work Is Resumed at Normal

Natchitoches, La., Dec. 9.—The State Normal School reopened today, after a suspension of two weeks, with 80 per cent of the students present and with the assurance that by next Monday that percentage will reach 85. President Roy is most gratified by the showing and the spirit shown by all.

Work was resumed and the regular schedule was carried on as though there had been no interruption. Every sanitary requirement of the State Board of Health has been complied with, and the conditions are perfect. The 15 per cent of students who have not returned are those who remained at home for the Christmas holidays, rather than make the double trip, but who will be here for the opening of the new term in January. President Roy, with Architect Favrot, let the contract for the concrete fireproof boiler-house for \$3,400 and for installing the third heating plant for \$1,700 to E. Dezendorf, a local contractor. Perfect health and happy spirit prevails among the several hundred students on Norman Hill. No one here believes the late illness at the Normal was from the local causes.

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The Fight for Sugar.

There is little room to doubt that the sugar interest will have to again fight for existence during this session of Congress and as President-elect Wilson is pledged to tariff revision downward, it is certain that if sugar escapes during the present short session it will have to run the gauntlet during the special session, which, it has been announced, will be called to assemble in April.

There is actually little danger of free sugar being forced upon the country during the session just opened. That question was thoroughly threshed out during the last session of the present Congress, but there is pretty certain to be an attempt made to cut down the present tariff on sugar. President Taft is on record as opposed to any tariff reductions until after a proper recommendation by the tariff board, but whether he would go to the limit of vetoing a cut in sugar on the eve of relinquishing office is problematical.

The danger of the sugar interests will be greater in the next Congress than in the present one. The Democratic majority, which is hostile to sugar, will be greater in the House of Representatives than at present, while in the Senate the Republican strength has been cut down to almost the vanishing point. The Senate, however, is not likely to accept a free sugar proposition, but it may consider favorably a cut in the present duty.

While the situation must be looked squarely in the face and due dangers to sugar carefully weighed, there is no room for actual discouragement. The Louisiana sugar industry has passed through some very tight situations in the past in safety and may do so again. The Democrats, now that they have full control of the Federal Government, will have as much need for money as their Republican predecessors. The leaders are not apt to throw away entirely so splendid a revenue producer as sugar. The clamor of their constituents may compel them to advocate a moderate reduction in the tariff scale, but there is always a fighting chance that our representatives may be able to save sugar from a serious loss of protection.

It, therefore, behooves our sugar men to go to work energetically and courageously and prepare to make the best fight possible to save the entire sugar schedule in its present shape if possible, and in the last analysis to keep any cut that may be attempted down to the smallest possible proportions. The fact should be made clear to every Democrat in Congress that the elimination of the sugar schedule from the tariff law or a material reduction in the rates on sugar would not only deprive the government of much needed revenue, but would also do untold damage to the people of Louisiana, a state which has sent a self Democratic delegation to Congress for a generation past.—N. O. Picayune.

Archbishop Blenk of the Catholic diocese of this State, created quite a sensation in New Orleans last Sunday, when he took occasion during the course of a very able sermon, on the Incarnation, to denounce as wholly vicious the modern society dances known as the "Benny Hug," the "Jungle Dip," the "Grizzly Bear," and the "Turkey Trot." It is expected that the Archbishop's emphatic denunciation will be echoed by every priest under his jurisdiction and have a most salutary effect in eradicating the pernicious influence of these vicious dances from the social life of the State. His outspoken expression on this subject is to be commended.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 9.—The grand jury to night brought in a true bill against City Judge Dudley L. Weber, on three counts, first of receiving, as a notary public, on Feb. 8, 1911, and converting to his own use and otherwise embezzling the sum of \$2900, the property of Mrs. Lena W. Newsham, now Mrs. G. C. Howell, of West Feliciana parish; second and third, forging and counterfeiting two promissory notes for payments of money payable on separate dates. A bench warrant was immediately issued for the arrest of Weber, who was taken into custody and released on bond signed by J. A. Dougherty.

A Gillette safety razor set makes a pleasing gift. R. Mornhinveg & Son have a fine stock.

Bruner Returns from Chicago Land Show-- Boosted Louisiana Land

Hon. E. O. Bruner, Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, has returned from the Chicago Land Show, where he has been for the last three weeks, managing the Louisiana end of it.

Mr. Bruner said, "Only the man that attends a show of this character could form a correct idea of its value to a State that makes exhibits of her resources at it. Seeing is believing, when thousands of men, and many of them home seekers, visit a show daily and see for themselves what a state really can and does produce, they are impressed and generally convinced. Louisiana, with her intelligent core of boosters impressed the farmers from one end of the United States to the other that Louisiana is a corn producing state, a cotton producing state, a rice producing state, a truck producing state, a fruit producing state, a stock and poultry producing state—has the largest oil and gas wells and the largest sulphur and salt mines of any state in the Union, and is second to only one state in the lumber output. Long summers, seldom if ever a sun stroke, mild and short winters, a pure and healthy atmosphere and the best and cheapest lands on earth. Those people, being convinced of those facts, many are bound to turn their faces towards the Sunny South, and make Louisiana their future home. In short, we tried and succeeded in convincing them that Louisiana had more to offer for less money than any other state in the Union. Every section of the state was equally represented. There was no North Louisiana, no South Louisiana, no East Louisiana, no West Louisiana, we boosted the state as a whole. It would take a man of dull comprehension indeed to fail to see the good this state is apt to gain him through this mode of advertising. We had many leading Louisianians to our booth who paid a high compliment to its attractiveness and the manner and style in which the exhibits were arranged. Among them were Ex-Governor J. Y. Sanders, Edward Wisner, Wm. O. Hart, George Gauntier, John A. Kruse, N. A. Baker, Dr. W. A. Dalrymple, J. A. Snider, W. P. Langworthy, W. J. Langridge, and others whose names I cannot remember at this time. Among those who did some noble work for Louisiana, and were faithful to the honor conferred upon them are Justin F. Denachaud, A. R. Barriacs, M. L. Alexander and L. M. Bougherhoff, and those who were not on the Commission who worked for Louisiana with telling effect were Dr. A. J. Perkins, W. H. Balis, H. S. Gordon and Chas. S. Hall. To all of those gentlemen I wish, as Chairman of the Commission to extend my very sincere thanks. Judging from the interest the people from all over the country manifested in the Louisiana exhibits, much good may be expected from that big show, and its management has our sincere thanks for the kind manner in which we were treated and the many courtesies shown us during our stay there. We were the guests at a big banquet held in the Red Room of the LaSalle Hotel, given by the Chicago Tribune, who was really at the head of the Land Show, and on the menu card was the following: Louisiana Oysters a la Bruner."

Louisiana was again honored by placing me on a Committee of five to wait on and invite Vice President-Elect Thomas R. Marshall, to visit the Land Show. I mention these little incidents to show you that Louisiana was not only advertised and boosted but was also honored.

I also visited the New York Land Show. There has been a fight between the two cities, Chicago and New York, each claiming advantage over the other and in order to settle the matter I took in both. I don't know what their shows have been in the past, nor what they will be in the future, but when we compare the two this year, Chicago has the advantage in size, in patronage and in attendance. As I promised every man who contributed to the cause that every dollar would be spent, I wish to state for their benefit that it was all done for about \$2600.00 and before leaving Chicago I saw that every debt was paid there, and with the little balance of unpaid subscrip-

Dunbar Kidnapper Suspect Held at Mobile

Robert Hooks, alleged to be the kidnapper of Robert Dunbar, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunbar of this city, was arrested in Mobile, Ala., Thursday afternoon by Burns Detective Agency operatives and lodged in jail.

The missing child was not with Hooks, but it is said by the Burns sleuths that if the prisoner will, he can easily reach him. A confederate of the man is said by the detectives to be in Macon, Ga., and detectives have been at work on the case.

Another arrest was made at Lucedale, (Miss.). A tramp was arrested and placed in jail as a dangerous and suspicious character.

He answers the description of the tramp who kidnapped the Dunbar lad at Swayze Lake, near this city on Aug. 23. It had been reported that earlier in the day the prisoner was seen with another tramp and that they had with them a small boy apparently about 5 years old.

When searched nothing was found on him to give any clew to his identity, but he gives his name as Joseph Marshall.

Mrs. Dunbar was reached late Thursday afternoon over long distance telephone and gave the description of the stolen boy as being four years and five months old, with light hair, turning darker, and blue eyes.

The description apparently suits the child as described by children of that city who claim to have seen the boy with two tramps on the street. Mr. Dunbar, father of the child, is now in Mobile in search of the lad. He left here a few days ago at the request of the Burns Agency who claims to have a clew to the whereabouts of the child.

tions, which is perfectly good, every other debt will be liquidated in the next few days. The Commission last year that went from and exhibited Louisiana's resources at Chicago's show spent \$11,000.00 and left some debts unpaid. And I failed to find a man who saw the two did not say the one this year was as good or better than the one last year. This of course I cannot pass upon personally as I was not Chairman last year, nor was I there. When you consider the difference between \$11,000.00 and \$2600.00 the people who subscribed to the cause should feel that their money was carefully handled and well spent.

I wish to thank every man who subscribed to the fund, every newspaper that helped the cause, the Illinois Central Railroad for carrying our exhibit to and from Chicago, and Prof. Robert Glenk for his valuable service in transferring and forwarding the various exhibits to us. I make this statement because I feel it is my duty as chairman of the Commission to let the people know exactly what has been done by the Commission lately appointed by the Governor.

Important Appointments.

For the important office of President of the State Board of Health Gov. Hall has re-appointed Dr. Dowling. By this act he has endorsed the progressive administration of an official who has earned fame as a sanitarian which has spread beyond the limits of the State. He has also quieted the fears of every man who feared that the incorruptible physician might go down before the shafts of envy and the greed of the law breaker.

This appointment is an honor well deserved by Dr. Dowling. Letters have poured in upon the Governor asking his retention, and these have been more powerful than the opposition engendered by interests that could not thrive or exist so long as he headed the Board of Health.

Gov. Hall has also appointed the men who are to compose the Board of Administrators of the Charity Hospital. It will be remembered that some time past friction occurred in regard to this great charitable institution among the medical profession of New Orleans. The controversy waxed hot for a time and there was a lining up of the progressives and also the old guard. Gov. Hall has chosen to ignore all factions and the board which he has appointed is constituted of a combination of all the factions, and takes in all the interests involved.

Of all these appointments the city press speak in the highest terms, and this augurs well for the great work to be accomplished.—Enterprise.

Mailable by Parcel Post

Washington, Nov. 27.—In view of the inauguration of the parcel post on Jan. 1, it is announced that a parcel post map and a parcel post guide be furnished each postmaster, after which they will be placed on sale to the public at a nominal price shortly before Jan. 1. The map will show each unit of area in the United States properly numbered. The guide will contain the regulation for the conduct of the service, add a list of postoffices with their respective unit numbers. Seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants will be permitted in the parcel post mail under regulations as to size and weight applicable to other parcel post packages, but at the rate of postage one cent for two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of distance. All matter now classified as third-class matter will not be permitted in the parcel post mails. Farm and factory products will be admitted to the parcel post mails under certain regulations found in the parcel post guide.

Distinctive parcel post stamps must be used on all fourth-class matter, including that weighing four ounces and less, beginning Jan. 1, 1913. Such matter, bearing ordinary stamps will be treated as "held for postage."

A parcel not more than 3 feet 6 inches in length may measure as much as 2 feet 6 inches in girth, or around its thickest part. A shorter parcel be thicker; thus, if it measures no more than 3 feet in length, it may measure as much as three feet in girth, or around its thickest part. Measurements will be made by means of a six-foot tape line furnished to the postmasters by the department. So much of the tape not used in measure of the maximum girth permissible.

Parcels will be mailable only at postoffices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster, or presented to a rural or other carrier duly authorized to receive such matter. All parcels must bear the return card of the sender otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

You are cordially invited to visit and examine my immense line of Holiday goods. No trouble to show goods whether you buy or not. P. J. Dietlein, The Leading Jeweler.

On December 17th Lake Charles will vote to ascertain whether or not the commission form of government will become operative in that city. The act giving town of Louisiana of more than 25000 population the right to adopt this form of government was passed during the last regular session of the general assembly. The bill as originally drawn up, was introduced by Representative Frank E. Powell, who was largely instrumental in its final passage. Many of the towns of the state coming under the act are discussing the subject and several of them will vote on the question as soon as consistent.

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FOR SALE.—One Baby Six Mitchell, 48 H. P. For sale. Cheap.—In good condition. Apply to JNO. P. BOAGNI, Box 52, Opelousas, La. dec 14 tf

STORE BUILDING FOR RENT on Landry St., adjoining Dietlein's Jewelry Store. Possession given after January 1st, 1913. Apply to J. J. HEALEY, Opelousas, La. dec 14 tf

Cottage for rent. Apply to J. J. HEALEY, Opelousas, La. dec 14 tf

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued out of the Hon. 10th Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for the Parish of Evangeline, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed and returned, and to me delivered, I have seized and will offer for sale, for cash, at public auction, to the best and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House of St. Landry Parish, at Opelousas, La., on Saturday, Jan. 18, 1913, at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described property, to-wit:

All of the rights, title and interest of the deceased, in and to the succession of his deceased mother, Lucinda Lewis, being No. 603 of the files of the Probate Docket of the Parish of St. Landry, La.

TERMS—Cash. M. L. SWORDS, Sheriff of St. Landry Parish, La. dec 14 tf